

purchased, and made a modern, up-to-date drug store. Then the Hiatt family bought the Arch Davis Barber Shop adjoining on the north. This building was torn down and a new one erected. Western Stores occupied this building until about a year ago, when the Stanley Title & Abstract Co. moved their office into it.

His life centered mostly around the welfare and education of his children. All four sons are registered pharmacists. At present they are serving this community. In 1954 the Hiatt brothers purchased the old Bank Bldg. on West Main Street, where they started a second drug store, known as the Valley Drug, with Kent as manager. These boys, like their father, are generous with their time and devote long hours in serving the people of this community to the best of their ability. Often Mr. Hiatt would be called to the drug store, just after he had retired for the night, to get medicines or other items for sick customers. Seldom did he spend a holiday with his family uninterrupted without a return trip to the drug store, sometimes more than once during the day. His was the lot of a country druggist and one of the fast-departing types of community and character builders. He was one who took pride in the progress and development of this community, and in every way tried to aid in the restoration of better health to its people.

During his 33 years as druggist here he worked closely and cooperatively, with and at different times, the following doctors: Doctors Ray Hatch, W. R. Wherritt, B. A. Dannenberg, T. A. Dannenberg, F. G. Eskelson, E. G. Wright, K. O. Neilson, and Willard Draper.

Mr. Hiatt was a member of the LDS Church, serving in several capacities. He was a High Priest of Heber First Ward. He supported two of his sons, Maron and Jay, on two-year missions for the Church.

He was active in civic affairs, was a charter member and a past president of the Heber Lions Club, and served as district governor of the Utah Idaho Lions Clubs in 1939-1940, later becoming a counselor in International Lions Association.

From 1940-44 he was chairman of Wasatch County selective service. He was in charge of a number of Red Cross drives.

He passed away at the age of 59 at Heber on February 1, 1950.

After Mr. Hiatt's death his four sons continued with the business. Maron became manager, and Bub Kent and Jay were helpers. They purchased the other drug store and Kent is the manager there. They now have two splendid drug stores in Heber.

## MARON RICH HIATT



Maron Rich Hiatt, second child of Jesse Levi Hiatt and Essie Jane Rich, was born in Vernal, Utah, September 7, 1913. His parents lived in Roosevelt, Springville and Lehi before coming to Heber in 1917 to make their home. His father took over the Palace Drug, which he operated until his death in 1950. His son Maron and his brothers now operate the same store.

Maron attended the North School and graduated from Wasatch High School in 1931. He was active in athletics in high school, having played on the winning high school basketball and baseball teams. Maron also played and managed the town baseball and softball teams. He also represented the Church on many basketball and softball teams, and his team won the consolation championship of the all-Church tournament held at Salt Lake City.

Maron has been active in Church activities of the Mormon Church, holding many positions of responsibility. In the Mutual, in the Sunday School and Priesthood organizations he was active, and was in the bishopric of Heber First and Heber Sixth Wards, and at present is serving in the High Council of Wasatch Stake. He also served a mission in the North Central States during 1931 to 1933, returning home at 20 years of age.

After returning from his mission, Maron

entered BYU and completed two quarters' work. He was a member of the Phi Delta Chi and earned a letter on the BYU freshman basketball team. He then transferred to the University of Idaho, Southern Branch, at Pocatello, in the school of pharmacy. Maron married Cleo Zenger of Midway in the LDS Temple in the winter of 1934 and together they went to school at Pocatello. Maron spent a summer at the University of Utah completing a course in organic chemistry, and then graduated with a B.S. degree in pharmacy in 1938 from Pocatello.

After graduation, Maron and Cleo made their home in Heber. They have two sons and a daughter: Melvin Ronald, Richard, and Joyce.

Maron has always been interested in the civic affairs of Wasatch County. He has held positions of responsibility in the Lions Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce. He served as mayor of Heber City two years, 1947-49. During his term of office many important contributions were made to the upbuilding of Heber City.

1. The city and county, in a cooperative agreement with the federal government, furnished the valley with an up-to-date airport. This has been a field of much activity and many planes have used this field for crop dusting, sightseeing, aviation and pleasure.

2. The Heber Community Building, a \$40,000 structure, was built through the cooperation of many participating groups. Major portion of the costs were paid by Heber City, Wasatch County and veterans' groups. The lower floor houses the fire department, council rooms of Heber City and the offices of the Heber Light and Power. The upper floor, which has an outside entrance, houses a large combination assembly room and dance hall, kitchen lounge and lavatories. Second floor rooms are as a county and community memorial and are used by civic and scout groups, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

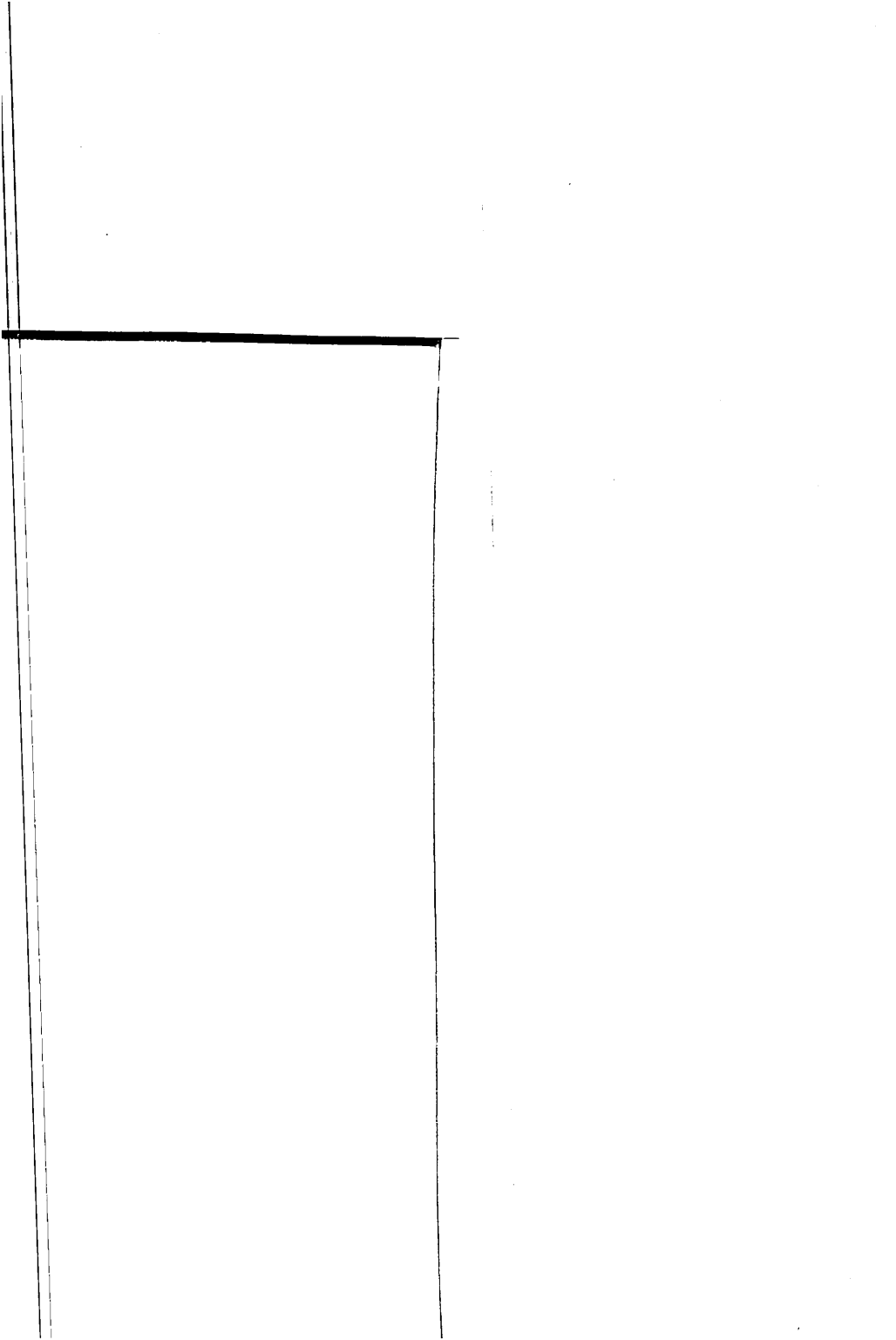
3. Heber City acquired water rights and ground in Snake Creek Canyon and built a municipal power plant. This has been an economical unit operated by one caretaker and has been a source of thousands of dollars in revenue for the Heber Light and

Power Co., of which Heber is the major stockholder.

4. Started the hard surfacing and oiling of the cemetery north and east of Heber. By the follow-up and continued beautification, our cemetery ranks as one of the most beautiful in the state.

5. Cooperated with county and civic groups to foster a summer recreation program.

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the chapter for women of the valley who had business or professional careers.

Vilate McMillan was first president of the group, with Lula Clegg, vice president, Ruby Duke, corresponding secretary, Maranda Smith, recording secretary, LaVon Bond, treasurer and Edith Wootton, assistant treasurer. Charter members also included Nellie Ohlwiler, Agnes Parkinson, Mae Greenwood, Gladys Holt, Bessie Reeves, Edna Montgomery, Daisy Cummings, Garnet Watkins, Nina Clyde, Edna Murdock, Lerelia McMillan, Crissie Jones, Dorothy Salisburg, Emma H. Wherritt, Mrs. E. P. <sup>d</sup>Cliff, Belva Fortie, Annie Fisher, Hazel Clyde, Florence Hicken, Laura F. Murdock, Manila Carlile, Sarah Orme, Heloise Hatch, Melba Duke, Teenie Duke, Nora Curry, Thelma Ritchie, Janie Murdock, Mildred Ivins, Nora Read, Josie Daybell, Sylvia Wootton, Veronica Heinleiu, Orah Giles, Sara Simpson, Edna McMullin, Comfort Bachman, Birdie Bates, Lethe Coleman, Dora Fuller and Martha D. Shute, an honorary member.

Numerous activities have been carried on by the group, including fund raising events to help girls of the community gain business education, conducting annual graduation teas at Wasatch High School as well as school oratory and music contests. The chapter established Wasatch County's Memorial Hill and has conducted memorial service programs at the site. They have also staged barbeques at the annual Wasatch County Stock Shows. The pits always being fired and meat barbecued by the Heber Valley Firemen, serving as many as 2,000 persons at one of the shows. Gifts have been presented to Wasatch County Library, and the group provided many services during World War II to servicemen or their families. Members of the club who have held offices in the state organization have included Lula Clegg, Edna Montgomery, Ruby Duke and Miranda Smith.

One of the community's most active service groups is the Heber Lions Club which received its charter from Lions International on December 10, 1928. The charter members included Ralph E. Strub, the first president, John M. Turner, William L. Anderson, John A. Anderson, Walter H. Seiter, Dr. H. R. Read, Earl M. Hardy, Earl H. Smith, Earl Tilson, Jesse L. Hiatt, Jack A. Jensen, A. W. Chenney, Joseph A. Rasband, Emer W. Murdock, Owen F. Buell, Laban Hylton, Dr. B. A. Dannenberg, Wilson Dean, G. W. Baker and George B. Stanley. Owen F. Buell was the first secretary and retained the position for 10 years.

Presidents of the club after Mr. Strub have been, in order of their service, Jesse L. Hiatt, Earl M. Hardy, John A. Anderson, Ralph F. Nilsson, Storm McDonald, John M. Turner, Joseph Hylton, Lowe Ashton Sr., Riley C. Draper, Clyde Broadbent, Dr. Karl O. Nielson, Heber M. Rasband, Ralph Stringham, L. C. Montgomery, Lloyd J. Wettencamp, Harold H. Smith, Andrew J. Mohr, Wesley Walton, Andrew McConkie, Edson Packer, George Strebel, Raymond Jiacoletti, Lloyd Lawton, L. A.